Bird flu medicines

2024. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Tamiflu" is the drug administered to treat avian influenza;

(b) if so, whether there is required stock of above durg available in all States;

(c) if so, the quantity of stock of above medicine as on today, State-wise and category-wise;

(d) if so, whether above medicine is not safe for children and is having other side effects also;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether above drug is in use in other countries and is recommended/used by the World Health Organisation as on today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (f) Tamiflu (Generic name: Oseltamivir) is used for treatment of influenza caused by H5N1 strain *i.e.* Avian Influenza as recommended by World Health Organisation (WHO).

At present the drug is procured by Government of India and stockpiled in National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) and being distributed to States as per need. WHO supplied 20,000 capsules of Tamiflu (Roche) and Government of India procured 7,00,000 capsules of Fluvir (Hetero) and after supplying to Gujarat, Maharashtra, High Security Animal Diseases Laboratory, Bhopal, Rapid Response Teams and for laboratory personnel at NICD, National Institute of Virology and Embassy of India, Turkey etc., as on 7.3.2006 there is a stock of 6,84,650 capsules.

Tamiflu is used for the treatment of influenza in adults and children of one year of age or older. As per World Health Organization (WHO) drug information, the safety and efficacy of Tamiflu in children less than one year of age have not been established. Hypersensitivity to Oseltamivir is the main contraindication. The frequently reported adverse effect both in adults and children, according to WHO drug information, are nausea and vomiting.

WHO recommends the above drug and is used in other countries also.

Government Siddha, Unani, etc., dispensaries in the country

2025. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of the Central Government run Siddha, Ayurvedic, Unani and Homoeopathic dispensaries/hospitals functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open more dispensaries/ hospitals in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) There are 81 Central Govt. run Siddha, Ayurvedic, Unani &Homoeopathic dispensaries in the country. Details are given in the Statement (See below). Besides 81 dispensaries there is one Central Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital functioning at Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

(b) to (c) There is no proposal at present to open new Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathic dispensaries/hospitals in the country.

Statement

Details regarding existence of AYUSH dispensaries

Sl.No.	Name of City	Ayur.	Homoeo	Unani	Siddha
1.	Ahmedabad	1	1		
2.	Allahabad	1	1		
3.	Bangalore	2	1	1	
4.	Bhopal				
5.	Bhubaneshwar				
6.	Chandigarh				
7.	Chennai	1	1		1
8.	Dehradun				
9.	Delhi	13	13	5	2